



Bingham County

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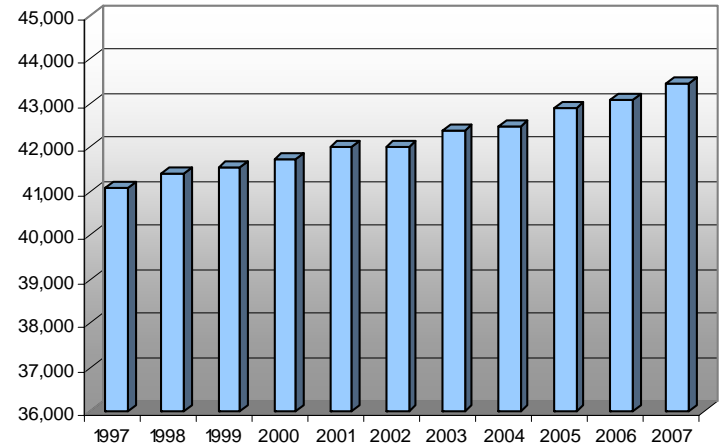
Population

Bingham County's population increased steadily, 5.8 percent, over the last decade and grew from 41,072 in 1997 to 43,466 in 2007. Blackfoot is Bingham County's county seat and largest city. Bingham County is a major farm service, potato processing and shipping center.

Flat and fertile farmlands, surrounded by mountains and water for fishing and boating and irrigation from the Snake River, offer a picturesque setting in which to live. The farming community offers a lifestyle few people want to leave.

Most of the population increase during the decade was because of natural increases — births minus deaths. However, in the most recent years in-migration from international workers and workers throughout northwestern United States has contributed significantly.

Work Force Trends

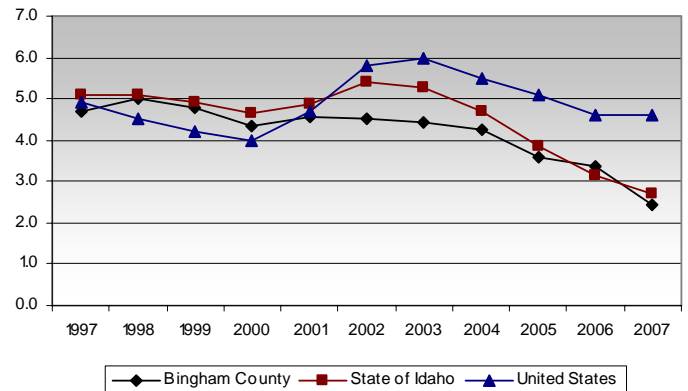


Labor Force & Employment

Bingham County's economy is heavily dependent on agriculture and agriculture-related industries. However, there is a diverse workforce in the area because of the diverse employer base. High tech metal fabricator, Premier Technology and First American Title both have their headquarters in Bingham County. Idaho State Hospital South and Sho-Ban gaming are other employers with large non-Ag related workers. Bingham County's location between two major trade centers — Pocatello to its south and Idaho Falls to its north — provides the county additional work force and ample employment opportunities.

Over the decade, Bingham County's labor force has increased slightly but the number of workers unemployed has dropped from an annual average of 1,131 in 1997 to

Unemployment Rates



517 in 2007. Since employment growth surpassed labor force growth, more people found jobs, and the unemployment rate dropped steadily from a high of 5.4 percent in 1997 to an annual average of 2.4 percent in 2007.

The proximity to the Idaho National Laboratory and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation provide a wide variety of service sector employment opportunities for the county's labor force.

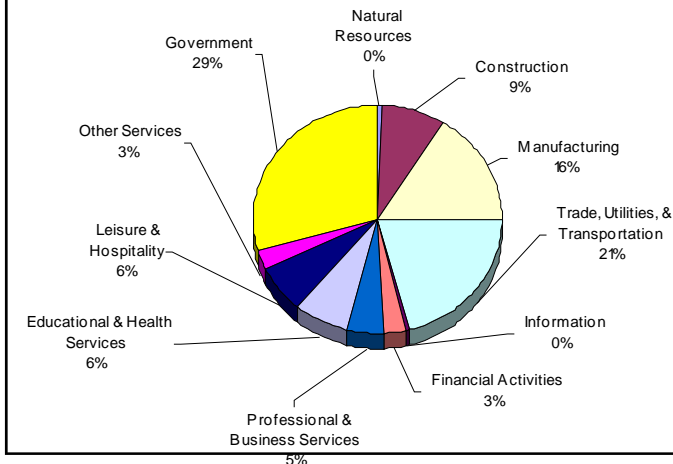
Labor Force	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	21,898	22,278
Total Employment	21,360	21,325
Unemployed	538	954
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.5	4.3
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.7	5.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	6.1

Labor Force	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian Labor Force	21,404	21,739	21,944	19,849	19,972	20,249	20,188	20,534	20,865	20,924	21,297
Unemployment	1,007	1,081	1,053	859	913	912	897	871	747	704	519
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.6	3.4	2.4
Employment	20,397	20,658	20,891	18,990	19,060	19,338	19,291	19,663	20,119	20,220	20,778

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2007



Covered Employment & Wages

Because of the large agricultural base in Bingham County, trade and manufacturing go hand in hand and provide nearly half of all jobs in the county.

Government provides more than 30 percent of the jobs in Bingham County because Idaho's State Hospital South, the University of Idaho Agricultural Experimental Station, and several local school districts.

Wages in Bingham County are lower than in most of the United States and fall in about the middle of all Idaho counties.

Major Employers

Basic American Foods
Idaho Supreme Potatoes
J.R. Simplot Co.
Nonpareil, Corp.
Premier Technology
Spudnik Equipment Co.
Sho-Ban Gaming
State Hospital South
Wada Farms
Wal-Mart

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wages

Auto mechanic/service technician	\$10.24
Cashier	\$6.23
Cook	\$6.76
Farm Worker	\$6.53
Fast Food Worker	\$6.00
Food Process Worker	\$7.13
Grader and Sorter, Agriculture	\$7.00
Construction Laborer	\$8.10
Nurse, Licensed Practical	\$12.04
Nurse, Registered	\$19.63
Office Clerk, General	\$7.35
Retail Sales Clerk	\$7.01
Psychiatric Technician	\$10.16
Waiter/Waitress	\$5.85

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1997, 2006, & 2007	1997		2006		2007	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	12,818	\$21,012	14,342	\$27,357	15,011	\$28,610
Agriculture	1,169	\$16,581	1,307	\$23,984	1,377	\$26,343
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	563	\$23,142	1,120	\$27,724	1,161	\$29,532
Manufacturing	2,358	\$27,583	2,202	\$35,074	2,415	\$37,146
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	2,966	\$17,572	2,818	\$23,933	2,827	\$25,167
Information	92	\$19,346	63	\$22,042	51	\$21,796
Financial Activities	262	\$21,513	352	\$33,202	360	\$36,060
Professional and Business Services	326	\$28,478	525	\$29,753	591	\$32,749
Educational and Health Services	482	\$19,231	742	\$22,382	1,002	\$27,651
Leisure and Hospitality	871	\$7,814	762	\$7,701	908	\$7,915
Other Services	240	\$17,929	314	\$23,793	334	\$24,029
Government	3,102	\$24,151	4,090	\$30,484	3,930	\$30,062

Per Capita Income	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Bingham County	\$16,679	\$17,444	\$18,233	\$19,298	\$19,552	\$20,412	\$19,976	\$21,219	\$21,554	\$23,105
State of Idaho	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,221	\$25,524	\$27,361	\$28,301	\$29,920
United States	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,821	\$31,504	\$33,123	\$34,757	\$36,714

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